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**CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE**

– Case Investigated by South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force

LOUISVILLE, KY - Carlos Washington, age 23, of Clarksville, Tennessee, pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Washington admitted that on May 31, 2006, he and his co-conspirator, Raymond Lucas, age 24, of Franklin, Kentucky, possessed with intent to distribute and conspired to distribute six grams of crack cocaine in Franklin, Kentucky, when they were arrested by officers of the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force. The street value of crack cocaine is \$100 per gram. Lucas previously entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced on July 23, 2007, to 4 years 11 months imprisonment. Washington and Lucas were attempting to sell crack cocaine to a police informant working with the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force when they were arrested.

The maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least four years; and there is a mandatory minimum sentence of five years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and it was investigated by the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force.

The plea was entered before United States Magistrate Judge Robert E. Goebel.

Magistrate Judge Goebel has ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing should be scheduled in approximately eight to ten weeks.

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